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SUBJECT Rumanian Resistance Bands in the
Vicinity of Brasov and Sibiu

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1. The Groza Government has used gendarmes to drive armed resistance groups from their hideouts in the mountains around Brasov. During the late spring and early summer these heterogeneous groups of Iron Guardists, Saxons, and opponents of the regime fled to the mountains of the Old Kingdom and to the ranges of western and central Transylvania.
2. Many Iron Guardists joined the groups of purged army officers, deserters, and militant National Peasants at present holding out in the Cindrel and Paltinis mountain ranges near Sibiu. Intellectuals and army officers believing themselves to be in danger of trial under the proposed war criminal law, and Saxons who were active supporters of the Nazis or have been oppressed by the Groza Government, have adhered to these bands. Recent widespread arrests among the National Peasants have sent many of the more militant members of this party to the mountains.
3. The mountain bands are supported and supplied with food by the local inhabitants. Members of the bands are spread out among the mountain villages or live with shepherds high in the hills. Headquarters have been established in mountain tourist cabins.
4. Effective action against the bands has been impossible because of their decentralization. The Government apparently has been unwilling to risk the use of large detachments of gendarmes and troops, since the necessity for such action would lower its prestige internally. It has contented itself with sending small units of gendarmes known as "Counter Groups", against the bands. Such action has failed of its purpose. Warned by the population at the approach of government forces, the bands dispersed and moved higher into the mountains or merged with the villagers who protected them.

Comment: The same contacts were used by bands of deserters from the Rumanian Army in the Bihor mountains of western Transylvania when the Groza Government used troops against them in 1945 and 1946. Government forces failed to exterminate or break up the bands.)

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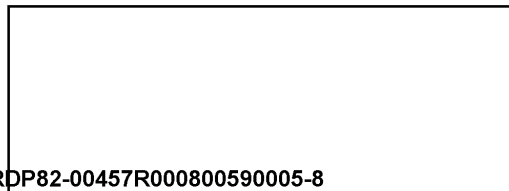
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5. Because they are spread over so wide a territory, it is impossible to estimate the strength of resistance bands around Sibiu. Although these groups are reported to be well armed, they contain many untrained men and their effectiveness as guerrilla forces is considered to be very low at the present time.

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